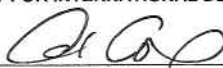


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**ATTACHMENT 01**

1. Pg. 27 – No. 4 A. Technical Application Format

Paragraph 2 is amended as follows:

**Delete:**

“Applications shall be written in English and typed on standard 8 1/2" x 11" (216mm by 297mm paper) or A4 paper, single spaced, 12 characters per inch with each page numbered consecutively. The Annex and items such as the cover page, dividers and the table of contents are not included in the 25-page limitation.”

**Replace with:**

“Applications shall be written in English and typed on standard 8 1/2" x 11" (216mm by 297mm paper) or A4 paper, single spaced, *Times New Roman, Font size 12, 1" (254mm) margin (top, bottom, left, and right)*, with each page numbered consecutively. The Annex and items such as the cover page, dividers and the table of contents are not included in the 25-page limitation.”

2. Pg.32 – No. 5 a. Work Plan and Implementation Plan

Paragraph 2 is amended as follows:

**Delete:**

Work Plans: All proposed draft work plans should be presented in matrix format; include proposed activities for the time frame indicated; and identify local partners where appropriate. Final narrative work plans will be finalized within the first sixty days of implementation.

- The first Work Plan should cover the period from the date the Cooperative Agreement is signed (estimated to be September/October 2011) through September 30, 2012 to coincide with USAID's fiscal year. Subsequent work plans will be prepared annually for the remaining years of the project.

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3. Pg 41 – Technical staff positions and qualifications [5 points each x 2 (10/30)]

This paragraph is amended as follows:

**Delete:**

The applicant is requested to identify 2 key technical staff, consistent ...

**Replace with:**

The applicant is requested to identify 2 – 3 key technical staff, consistent ...

4. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

**[END OF ATTACHMENT 01]**

**ATTACHMENT 02**

**Question 1**

On page 33 of the RFA, it states that “Applicants should assume notification of an award approximately ninety (90) days after the date established as a deadline for receipt of applications.” On page 24, the RFA states the period of performance starts in FY 2014. Please provide further clarification on the expected award date.

**Response**

The RFA is expected to be awarded within the course of FY 2014.

**Question 2**

Currently, USAID supports integrated home-based care/OVC services in some target provinces. Does USAID plan to continue support HBC services under a separate mechanism?

**Response**

This depends on availability of funds, however this should not affect the responses to this RFA.

**Question 3**

On page 12, the RFA states the age range is 10-14 and 15-17 (and their families) in upper primary and lower secondary levels. However, there are several references to Early Childhood Centers and many of the illustrative indicators include a reference to collecting information for children under 5 (e.g. p. 17 # of children under 5 referred to health facilities for treatment of severe malnutrition):

- a) Please clarify the age range for target OVC beneficiaries.

**Response**

The OVC age range is 0-17 years of age. Age appropriate interventions should be taken into consideration in responding to the RFA needs.

- b) Please clarify what grades are included in upper primary and lower secondary.

**Response**

Please follow the Government of the Republic of Mozambique definition, Upper Primary (EP2) and Lower Secondary (ES1), which is; Upper Primary (Ensino Primario do 2º Grau) is from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and Lower Secondary (Ensino Secundario do 1º Grau) is from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Question 4**

Please clarify if USAID expects the recipient to build on existing ECD centers or will the recipient be expected to create them where they do not exist?

**Response**

In areas where the ECD centers exists the applicants shall build on the ones existing, and where they are non-existent, work with affected communities to establish them as deemed viable.

**Question 5**

What are the target numbers of beneficiaries in each age group category?

**Response**

ECD, 6000 children; Education: 20,000; Economic Strengthening: 50,000 over the course of the



project.

Question 6

Please provide details on the expected coverage of SFCS OVC, including the number of districts in each province.

Response

Three to five districts with major needs and capacity to successfully achieve the RFA goals. Presence in districts should be sufficient to demonstrate project's impact. In Zambezia, applicants shall not consider Namacurra district, where a similar project is to be implemented under a different mechanism."

Question 7

What, if any, are the priority districts in Zambezia and how many districts is the recipient expected to cover?

Response

Refer to question 6's answer.

Question 8

On page. 46, the RFA states that the Recipient should develop and execute an evaluation plan for independent, external mid and end term evaluations. However, on page. 22, the RFA states that the impact evaluation will be carried out by an independent evaluation team. Please clarify if the Recipient should plan for and execute independent process evaluations that will complement the external impact evaluation.

Response

The Recipient should plan for mid and end term performance evaluations, either to be conducted by the Recipient or an external partner, which will complement the impact evaluation. Upon award, the Recipient and USAID will determine the best approach to the performance evaluations.

Question 9

On page 25 of the RFA the cost share required is a minimum of 10%. On page 36, the RFA says a cost share in the range of 5% of total program costs would be reasonable. Please clarify the cost share commitment.

Response

Cost share should be 10%.

Question 10

At various points in the RFA it is not clear what kind of committees are being talked about or envisioned. For example, under IR 1 on page 12, it mentions revitalize, etc. existing community level committees. In the indicators for the same IR on page 13, it refers to community committees. Are community level committees and community committees the same or different?

Response

The applicant should work with existing community structures that better respond to the project needs and objectives. Community level committees and community committees refers to the same type of committees.

Question 11

Please clarify if activities under IR 3 should target the whole community or just OVC beneficiaries. The current the language is around children and families, not specifically OVCs.

Response

The activities should target orphans and vulnerable children and families. Please refer to the 2012 PEPFAR OVC Guidance, regarding the definition of OVCs.

Question 12

On page 30, the RFA states that the M&E plan should demonstrate the Applicant's vision for managing the collection of proposed indicators (including the required indicators). Please identify the required indicators that should be included.

Response

The RFA does not indicate which of the illustrative indicators will be required, which will be established at a later point in time. Please reference the lists of illustrative indicators when demonstrating the Applicant's vision for managing the collection of proposed indicators.

Question 13

Under Illustrative Activities for IR 5, the RFA suggests the recipient could "Establish Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) schemes at the community level." In the targeted areas of the project, there are other successful methodologies being used (e.g. Accumulating Savings and Credit Associations (ACSA). Does USAID expect the recipient to implement pure VSLA schemes or will there be freedom to adapt the approach without distorting the objective of building social capital and providing access to finance for life cycle needs, emergencies and opportunities for investment.

Response

The VSLAs should be interpreted as Savings Groups, community managed microfinance. Partners can use either VSLA, ASCAS.

Question 14

On page. 2 of the RFA, it states that one (1) cooperative agreement will be awarded. On grants.gov, it states that 7 awards are expected. Please clarify how many awardees will be selected for this award.

Response

One award.

Question 15

Please clarify what is meant by "12 characters per inch" mentioned under Technical Application Format, p. 27.

Response

It is an error, it should read "Times New Roman, font size 12". Please see the Amendment to page #27 of the RFA with this change.

Question 16

Please clarify what could be included in Optional Annexes (10 page limit) mentioned on page # 32.



Response

These include any other supporting documents that may add value to the technical proposal.

Question 17

Please clarify if Evidence of Responsibility and Certifications and Assurances are required for major sub-recipients.

Response

It is required.

Question 18

Please provide clarification on what timeframe should be covered in the work plan. On page # 32, the RFA indicates the work plan should cover September/October 2011 through September 2012. On page # 42, the RFA indicates the work plan will cover 5 years. Please clarify.

Response

The initial work plan should cover one year from the estimated award date (please use September 2014 to August 2015 for this exercise). Additionally, from page # 42, please include a general five year implementation plan which covers all five years of the award (please use September 2014 to August 2019 for this exercise). The main idea is to demonstrate what will happen in year one, year two, etc...

Question 19

Please confirm if the Documentation mentioned on page # 32 includes letters of support.

Response

Yes, they could be included under "5. Optional Annexes".

Question 20

Page 32, 4a. Required Annexes, states the Past Performance section is limited to 3 pages. Please confirm if the page limit applies to each partner or per application.

Response

It applies to each partner.

Question 21

In regards to the list of past performance references (page 32), is the 3 page limit per partner organization or for the entire consortium?

Response

Please see response to question 20.

Question 22

In regards to the documentation needed (page 32), would a letter of organizational commitment detailing to nature of the relationship suffice? Or does USAID want a MOU?

Response

An MOU between consortium partners is required. As for the other stakeholders, letters of organizational commitment suffice.

Question 23

In regards to the documentation needed (page 32), would a teaming agreement, to indicate the

nature of the relationship with partners, suffice? Or does USAID want a MOU?

Response

Please refer to response to question 22.

Question 24

The activities of this project are focused at subnational level. Does USAID envision coordination of this project with other USG investments at national level targeting OVC?

Response

We envision coordination at all relevant levels of the project as deemed necessary and with added value for the OVC.

Question 25

Some of the issues highlighted in the RFA manifest at a higher level (and are system level), to what extent should the project plan for resources to work at the national level?

Response

To the level that it responds to specific needs of OVC, and that trickle down to the other levels where the project is being implemented.

Question 26

In regards to key positions, should we assume that the “Chief of Party” (referenced on pages 29 and 40), the “Program Director” (referenced on page 21) and the “Country Director” (referenced on page 28) are all the same person? If so, is there a preferred title for that role?

Response

Yes. The preferred title is Chief of Party.

Question 27

On page 29, Offerors are requested to furnish CVs that are not more than 3 pages. Yet on page 32, resumes for all key personnel are limited to 2 pages per resume. Please indicate the page number for this item. Also please indicate a preferred title for the cv/resume.

Response

The CVs shall not have more than three pages. The preferred title is CV.

Question 28

Similarly, should we assume that the “Finance and Operations Director” (referenced on page 29) and the “Financial Management Specialist” (referenced on page 41) are the same person? If so, is there a preferred title for that role?

Response

Yes it is the same. Preferred title is Financial Management Specialist.

Question 29

On page 42, the following is written “Finally, applicants should include in their applications two work plans as shown below and a broader Implementation Plan for the five-year project period.” However there is only 1 work plan and 1 implementation plan indicated.

Response

The applicants should present one Work plan and one Implementation Plan. Please refer to question 18.



Question 30

Please clarify the difference of information to be presented in the work plan and implementation plan. On page 42, it seems as though both plans have the same information, yet on page 32, it seems as though the work plan is for 1 year and the implementation plan details 5 years. Please clarify.

Response

Please refer to Question 18 response.

Question 31

Please clarify if the “Additional required draft documents” (i.e. the work plan and implementation plan) should be found in the annex.

Response

The draft plans should not count towards page limit and should be submitted as part of the application.

Question 32

Please clarify if the cost share is 5% (as indicated on page 36) or 10% (as indicated on page 25 and 43).

Response

Page 36 is an error. Cost share is required to be 10%.

Question 33

On page 21, under M&E plan, it says: “The MEP will include a clearly defined logical framework...” yet on other pages, it refers to a Results Framework (page 22, 33, 42). Please clarify if it is expected that the Offeror is to submit a Results Framework or something different?

Response

Please submit a Results Framework.

Question 34

In regards to the criteria for Chief of Party, on page 42, the requirement “Demonstrated **international** credibility as a leader on matters of children development, education and social work or on other relevant subject area in developing countries”, could the Offeror present someone who has **National** credibility and still receive full points?

Response

If the individual with National credibility fulfills all the other attributes and qualifications, then the response is yes.

Question 35

Does USAID have an anticipated project start date (the RFA indicates the project will begin at some point within FY 2014)?

Response

It will depend on the process, but we anticipate that it will be during FY14.

Question 36

Is there a restriction on margin size?

Response

Yes, this was an oversight, 1 inch (2.5cm) margins (top, bottom, left, and right) should be used throughout the technical application. This is not a requirement for the cost application. Please see the Amendment to page #27 of the RFA with this change.

Question 37

Are the “technical staff” described on page 30 considered Key Personnel?

Response

Yes, two to three technical staff should be proposed as Key Personnel.

Question 38

Page 30 asks the applicant to name “2-3 key technical staff” and on page 41 (evaluation criteria) the RFA asks for “2 technical staff.” Please confirm that the number of technical positions proposed is at the discretion of the applicant.

Response

At a minimum, two technical positions should be chosen as Key Personnel. Also, see the response to Question 37. A third technical position could be proposed at the discretion of the applicant.

Question 39

Does USAID have a maximum number of PPRs for each the prime and any partners?

Response

No, but should be no more than three pages for each partner.

Question 40

Does the 3 page limit for past performance references apply to each partner’s references or the combined total of the prime and its partners?

Response

Refers to each partner.

Question 41

Please confirm that the work plan and implementation plan are considered part of the required annexes and not the 10 page optional annexes.

Response

Please refer to the response to question 31.

Question 42

Will USAID accept the combination of the detailed Year 1 work plan and 5 year implementation plan into a single document rather than two separate attachments?

Response

No. Please refer to responses to questions 18 and 29.

Question 43

Page 32 limits the pages for key personnel CVs to 2 and page 40 allows for three pages per CV. Please clarify the maximum number of pages for key personnel CVs

[Response](#)

Please refer to response to question 27.

Question 44

Page 32 refers to 10 pages of optional Annexes, please confirm that these 10 pages can be used at the applicant's discretion and that there are no required attachments in this 10 page section.

[Response](#)

Correct. Please refer to response to question 16.

Question 45

Page 36 indicates that required cost share is 5% and page 43 indicates that it is 10%. Please confirm which required cost share level is correct.

[Response](#)

Page 36 is an error. Cost share is required to be 10%.

Question 46

The discussion of ECD activities under IR 2 seems in conflict with the target age group of OVC aged 10-17. Is it expected that ECD centers will primarily serve the children of adolescent OVC?

[Response](#)

Please refer to response to question 3.

Question 47

Page 41 describes the evaluation criteria for Institutional Capacity, Management Approach and Past Performance to include "involvement of US small, disadvantaged, and women owned businesses and minority-serving institutions as direct providers of technical services." Does USAID intent to include involvement of US-based small businesses in the evaluation of applications for this cooperative agreement?

[Response](#)

The involvement of US small, disadvantaged, and women owned businesses and minority-serving institutions as direct providers of technical services is highly encouraged but not required.

Question 48

Required annexes on page 32 includes "documentation (i.e. memoranda of understanding) of partnerships and alliances with consortium members, sub-recipients and public and private sector entities." Does USAID require this only for the creation of a consortium or joint venture? Or should a prime include its teaming agreements with all sub recipients as an annex to the proposal?

[Response](#)

Please refer to response to Question 22.

Question 49

Required annexes on page 32 includes "documentation (ie memoranda of understanding) of partnerships and alliances with consortium members, sub-recipients and public and private sector entities." Does USAID require applicants to have MOUs completed with relevant GRM entities at the proposal stage?



Response

Please refer to responses Questions 22 and 54.

Question 50

The following language on pages 46-47 appears to be taken from an earlier RFA: “Given that media is a fairly politically sensitive area, the recipient will also be asked to maintain and update a database of programs, program participants and beneficiaries, success stories, impact indicators, and lessons learned so that if the USAID Mission is asked to provide information to other parts of the USG, it is able to do so in a timely manner. In addition, given the political sensitivity of the program, any planned meeting with the host country government officials to discuss the USAID Children’s media Program should be discussed with USAID first.” Does USAID expect the same requirements to apply to this RFA?

Response

Yes. Although this language was included in error, the Offeror is still expected to apply the same requirement.

Question 51

Does USAID have a target number of OVC to be reached over the 5 year project period?

Response

Please refer to response to question 5.

Question 52

In our review of the solicitation document, we have been unable to find an explicit reference to the US Government National Action Plan on Children in Adversity:

[http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\\_docs/PDACU700.pdf](http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PDACU700.pdf). We would like to learn more about how USAID envisions this project will contribute to the plan.

Response

Applicants should propose activities that are relevant and contributes to the USG National Action Plan on Children in Adversity within the scope of the RFA.

Question 53

On page. 23, the solicitation mentions that the project is expected to coordinate with GBVI interventions in Manica province, but Manica is not explicitly mentioned as a focus province on page 10. Can USAID confirm if GBVI is operational in Manica and if this is not the case, how USAID envisions this project to complement and add value to the work currently being done under GBVI.

Response

While the GBVI has focus provinces, there are GBVI activities taking place across the country. Clinical partners in Manica (USAID), Sofala (USAID) and Zambezia (CDC) are conducting work under the GBVI. As well, the Capable Partners Program has sub partners in each of these provinces working on GBV prevention.

Question 54

On page 12 the solicitation states that “this activity will target OVC of upper primary and lower secondary school age and their families.” At the same time, there are a number of interventions

such as ECD activities mentioned on p.15, parenting education on p. 17, household visits on page.17, that will likely benefit children under 10 years of age. Can USAID confirm that this statement on page 12 was not intended to discourage applicants from proposing activities focusing on children under 10 years of age?

Response

USG approach to OVC interventions is based on the family needs. This is to encourage applicants to provide age appropriate support to other members of the same family of the girls/boys that will benefit from education support as well as OVC that live in the same area that may benefit from these other interventions.

Question 55

Page. 15 of the RFA states that where feasible, applicants should support costs for “minor repairs for dorm facilities.” Please confirm whether USAID will allow construction activities in cost applications.

Response

Yes, but only for minor repairs.

Question 56

Page.16 of the RFA states that illustrative activities under Expected Result 3 can include the implementation of “community-based nutrition social and behavior change communication activities to improve growth monitoring and promotion, access to and consumption of diverse and quality food, and nutrition and hygiene related behaviors, including gender norms that favor men and boys.” Please clarify if SBCC activities should address gender-norms related to food, nutrition and hygiene related behaviors or if the program can address gender-norms more generally.

Response

Please only address gender-norms related to food, nutrition and hygiene related behaviors as stated in RFA.

Question 57

Under several Expected Result Areas, USAID states that applicants are expected to establish linkages to existing USG-supported health programming. Could USAID provide a list of active USAID-funded programs currently operating in Sofala, Zambezia, and Manica?

Response

Sofala: CAP- Capable Partners Program, Chass SMT, PCC and Ecohealth; and Manica: CAP, CHASS SMT PCC; Zambezia: CAP and SCIP.

Question 58

Page. 19 – USAID has included % average increase in number of household meals and % average increase in diversity of household meals as illustrative indicators under ER 5: Improved Socio-Economic Status of OVC households. Would USAID consider these indicators appropriate under ER 3: Increased Access to Healthcare and Nutritional Support for OVC and caregivers?

Response

Yes, they also apply to ER 3. Please be mindful that these are only illustrative indicators, and that applicants should propose other indicators as needed and that best capture improvements in



each Expected Result.

Question 59

Page. 22 –, the RFA states that “the Recipient is required to conduct a gender analysis as part of its activity design prior to or at an early-stage of implementation” and that “results of the analysis must be incorporated throughout the project design...” Please confirm that applicants can conduct the gender analysis in the event that they are the successful applicant and use existing gender data when developing their technical and cost application.

Response

Yes, please refer to ADS Chapter 205 if further clarification is needed on the gender analysis.

Question 60

Page. 22 –, the RFA states that “The activity will also work in collaboration with PEPFAR’s GBVI in Mozambique to increase awareness of the domestic violence law and related acts” and improve awareness and understanding among law enforcement around these laws.” Could USAID kindly clarify which expected result area these activities fall under?

Response

Intermediate Result 1.

Question 61

On page 24, under substantial involvement, the solicitation mentions training plans as one of the planning documents requiring USAID approval. Can you please confirm that these training plans are not a document that needs to be submitted separately from the annual work plan?

Response

Offerors are not requested to separate training plans. Those in the annual work plan suffice.

Question 62

On page 27, the solicitation states that “The Cover Page shall include the applicant’s name, identification of the primary contact person, and members of the consortium, if any (by name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone number and email address).” Can USAID confirm that applicants are only expected to include the names of the organizations that are members of the consortium, and contact person (by name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone number and email address) only for the prime applicant?

Response

Yes, the name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone number and email address should be provided only for the primary contact person and the alternate contact person. The consortium members, if any, should be listed by name only.

Question 63

On Page # 28, the RFA states that the technical approach should include “How applicants will control costs, including special attention to publications and events, and improve the cost-effectiveness of the program.” Please clarify that applicants should limit the inclusion of publications and events in their applications.

Response

All bullets in Section B. Technical Approach should be considered and discussed within the 13 page limit. Referring to the question above, a description of how you (the applicant) will control



costs and improve the cost effectiveness of the program must be explained, describing how you intend to pay specific attention to the controlling the costs associated with publications and events.

Question 64

On page 30, the solicitation makes reference to the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and Institutional Capacity. Can USAID confirm that applicants are expected to include the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and Institutional Capacity as separate sections in the proposal (E. and F. respectively) and not as a sub-section under D. Staffing?

Response

Yes, they should be separated.

Question 65

Page. 32 – USAID states that “the first Work Plan should cover the period from the date the Cooperative Agreement is signed (estimated to be September/October 2011) through September 30, 2012.” Could USAID kindly provide the relevant dates for this agreement?

Response

Please refer to the response to Question 18.

Question 66

Page 33 makes reference to the Cost Matrix. Can USAID confirm that USAID expects the matrix to include administrative costs allocated across IRs? Can USAID also confirm that a breakdown by IR will be sufficient to fulfill the requirement in the solicitation?

Response

Yes, at a minimum the solicitation requires an overall summary budget and a detailed breakdown of costs per IR.

Question 67

Page 41 makes reference to “Involvement of US small, disadvantaged, and women owned businesses and minority-serving institutions as direct providers of technical services.” Given that this is a solicitation for an assistance instrument, we wanted to confirm if this requirement could be removed from the solicitation.

Response

Please see response to question 47.

Question 68

Will PEPFAR make the results of a needs assessment in economic strengthening publically available to all applicants before mid-April?

Response

No, not at this time.

Question 69

Page 32 of the RFA states that the first Work Plan should cover a period estimated to be from September/October 2011 through September 2012. What are the correct dates for this?

Response

Please refer to response to question # 18.

**Question 70**

Recently, USAID updated PEPFAR/OVC indicators requiring that only "active" beneficiaries be counted as receiving program services. An "active" beneficiary is defined as "an individual who has received program services in the last three months and who is scheduled to receive program services at least once every three months, as outlined in program guidelines or standards of practice. New beneficiaries who only registered in the last quarter will be counted as active, even if they have not yet received services. Partners will report on the number of beneficiaries on their "active" registries." Should applicants use this guidance when designing a response to the SFCS-OVC program and developing the PMP?

**Response**

Yes, please use this guidance. As the applicant deems appropriate, they should feel free to comment on this issue in the section that deals with this indicator.

**Question 71**

Are you considering extending the deadline beyond May 7 since the RFA has not been available online?

**Response**

Yes, this amendment extends the deadline to May 15, 2014.

**Question 72**

The Request for Applications (RFA) Number RFA-656-14-000001 "Girls Education-Strengthen Family and Community Support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program" indicates one cooperative agreement will be awarded; however, the [Grants.gov](#) announcement indicates there will be seven total awards. Can you please clarify the expected total number of awards that will be made for this RFA?

**Response:**

Only one Cooperative Agreement will result from this RFA.

**Question 73**

In the synopsis details on [Grants.gov](#), it mentioned an expected number of awards as 7. In the cover letter on the RFA, Adam Cox mentions there will be only 1 award. Could you verify that it is indeed just one award? In this case, I assume that there are likely to be sub-grants (USAID Forward).

**Response:**

Only one Cooperative Agreement will result from this RFA.